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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Robert Wham et al.

Examiner: Not Assigned

Serial No.: 10/761,524

Group: Art Unit Not Assigned

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Dated: May 19, 2004

For: VESSEL SEALING SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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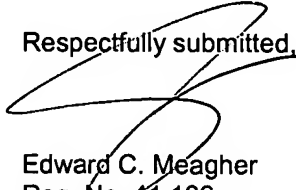
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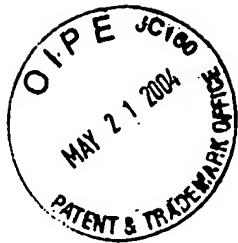


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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MAILSTOP: Amendment

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.